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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING, MARCH 11

FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

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FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE ACTING SPOKESMAN'S RESPONSES:

1. ATTEMPTED COUP IN PORTUGAL -- FUNSETH STATED THE EMBASSY IS WATCHING THE SITUATION CLOSELY BUT INFORMATION IS FRAGMENTARY. HE SAID WE HAD NO RPT NO ADVANCE WORD. A PORTUGUESE RADIO REPORT STATED THE SITUATION IN LISBON WAS CALM. THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF INJURIES TO U.S. CITIZENS OR DAMAGE TO U.S. PROPERTY.

2. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION -- FUNSETH SAID THERE ARE NO UNCLASSIFIED

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CRIMINAL LAWS THAT APPLY TO PRIVATE CITIZENS CONCERNING

THE PUBLICATION OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL, AS RULED IN THE PENTAGON PAPERS CASE. AS FOR THE BACKGROUNDER, HE SAID THE ONLY RULES THAT WOULD BE VIOLATED WOULD BE THOSE UNDER WHICH THE BACKGROUND SESSION WAS CONDUCTED.

3. CAMBODIAN NEGOTIATIONS -- WOULD NOT GO BEYOND WHAT HABIB STATED AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE LAST WEEK.

4. STANTON PANEL REPORT -- DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES THE PANEL'S WORK AND HAS ESTABLISHED A TASK FORCE, HEADED BY THE ACTING SECRETARY, TO ANALYZE THE PANEL'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

5. VISIT BY THE SECRETARY TO THE PERSIAN GULF -- WE HAVE NOTHING ON IT.

6. IRAQI-KURDISH HOSTILITIES -- WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THE FIGHTING.

7. PLOT AGAINST THE SECRETARY -- (NEW YORK POST TODAY ALLEGEDLY CARRIED A REPORT THAT INTERPOL HAD INFORMATION ON A PLOT TO ASSASSINATE THE SECRETARY IN GENEVA.) WE HAVE NOTHING ON THAT.

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